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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jean-Michel Dubus et al.

Title: INSTALLATION FOR MAKING A NONWOVEN
TEXTILE WEB AND METHOD FOR USING SUCH
AN INSTALLATION

Docket No.: 34052

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 8 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims 9 - 16.

- 1 9. (new) Installation for making a nonwoven textile
2 web comprising:
3 - extruding means comprising at least one extruder
4 for feeding a melted organic polymer to a spinneret for
5 producing a curtain of filaments, cooling means including
6 a cooling zone for providing at least surface
7 solidification of said filaments, a filament-drawing
8 assembly including a suction device comprising a narrow
9 chamber of rectangular cross-section in which said
10 curtain of filaments is drawn by high-speed air streams,